



CSBG Success Story

Please submit success story to Jessica Simon at jessica.simon@commerce.wa.gov. If you have questions, contact Jessica at 360-725-2850. Due Date: The 10th of the month the story is due.

Date: 3/10/2010

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1. Success Story is for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARRA <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 09 (skip to question 8) <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 10 (skip questions 6 & 7)
2. CSBG Project Name:	Project Homeless Connect
3. Total Project Budget:	\$15400
4. Total CSBG Amount of Budget:	\$7500
5. Number of total clients expected to serve, with all funds for the project:	365
6. Number of ARRA jobs expected to be created/retained as a result of this project:	3
7. Number of ARRA jobs actually created/retained as a result of this project to date:	3
8. Brief project/activity description:	Project Homeless Connect provides resources, referrals and supplies to those in need. The event occurs the day of the Point-in-Time Count to ease the burden of seeking out the homeless individuals to be included in the count.
9. How will this project help clients, build community, and form new partnerships? What aspects of the project would you like to share with the public:	
<p>Project Homeless Connect targets the homeless population but also serves other low-income individuals. Information regarding local services and eligibility is provided to those who lack the resources necessary to otherwise obtain assistance. Outreach workers and volunteers identify participants who may be eligible for housing or other assistance programs. Supplies are distributed to help keep these individuals clean, fed and clothed during the colder months. Services such as showers, haircuts, vaccinations and medical checkups are available. A hot meal is served. Non-perishable food, clothing and sleeping bags are available to go.</p> <p>The project promotes a population better informed on how to deal with crisis and builds trust between clients and social workers which benefits the entire community.</p> <p>During the event one individual was identified who had a fixed income and owned a travel trailer. This individual had been sleeping on the streets for 3 years. He could not stay on the property where his rv was located and had been unable to rent a safe space due to multiple felonies. A case manager worked with landlords to secure a space in an RV park despite the felonies. We paid the first months rent and the client is now off the streets.</p>	

